

Mr. V. H. Miller mentioned that a white Blackbird, a true albino, was to be seen at Albert Park. Mr. Chisholm stated that such specimens were not rare.

The President displayed and gave a note on some Vegetable Caterpillars.

CONVERSAZIONE

At this stage the meeting adjourned for the *Conversazione*.

EXHIBITS

Mr. S. R. Mitchell.—Large collection of minerals to illustrate his address.

Mr. E. E. Pescott.—Flowers of the Royal Grevillea (*G. Victoriae*), a rare mountain species from Mt. Hotham. Also an unusual form of aboriginal pecking or chipping stone, from West-central Victoria.

Mr. C. Daley.—Quartz crystals (clear, amethystine yellow, ferruginous and smoky), also calcite on quartz, and iron pyrites from Bendigo; staurolites from North Queensland; garnets from North Queensland; azurite from Kapunda.

Mr. F. S. Colliver.—Abnormal quartz crystals, from Tasmania; pyrite crystals, from Broken Hill and Bendigo.

DROSERA NUMBS COLLECTOR'S FINGERS

To the Editor, *Victorian Naturalist*

Mr. Albert Morriss, 74 Cornish Street, Railway Town, Broken Hill, New South Wales, writes me as follows:

"There is to my knowledge only one species of *Drosera* in this district (*D. Indica*), and that grows in the sandstone country eighty-six miles NE. of this town, and is to be found only in good seasons close to rock pools. . . . On picking some plants I noticed a distinct numbness of the fingers which soon disappeared after rinsing in water. . . . I asked other persons to help pick the plants. . . . they all very soon confirmed my own sensations."

The above excerpts from a personal letter prompt me to ask the co-operation of any one in a position to observe this observation, to check up on the matter. Mr. Morriss failed to observe the phenomenon in the case of other species. Those in possession of several species at the same time might place equally active flies on similar leaves of *D. Indica* and others, and observe if the insect succumbs more quickly on the one than the other.

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